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## **HOUSE PASSES BILL TO EXTEND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR 3.8 MILLION AMERICANS**

Washington, D.C.—U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) joined a majority of her colleagues today to pass a bill that would extend unemployment benefits for 3.8 million Americans.

“Millions of hard-working Americans have lost their jobs because of the failed economic policies of the Bush administration,” Schakowsky said.

Americans across the country are facing rising costs of living—and we have just seen the impact of rising gas prices. This bill would provide a lifeline to those who have lost their jobs.”

The legislation approved in the House today would benefit 3.8 million unemployed Americans by extending their unemployment benefits for an additional 13 weeks.

While extending unemployment benefits is one of the most cost-effective and fast-acting ways to help those who have lost their jobs, Schakowsky said, it is not a long-term solution.